



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 16, 2016

LORNA KUNEY, TREASURER
BIG SKY OPPORTUNITY PAC
PO BOX 1618
HELENA, MT 59624

Response Due Date

04/20/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00542027

REFERENCE: FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT (01/01/2016 - 01/31/2016)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on

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Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, contributions from other political committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page; additionally, contributions to federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C §434(b)) and FORM 3X Instructions)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1172.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Baisden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack Baisden
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
Big Sky Opportunity PAC (C00542027)

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Steve Daines	11/9/15	\$3,190.14	P2016	2015 December Monthly
Steve Daines	11/19/15	\$227.64	P2016	2015 December Monthly
Steve Daines	11/23/15	\$222.69	P2016	2015 December Monthly
Steve Daines	1/12/16	\$130.00	P2016	2016 February Monthly
Steve Daines	1/19/16	\$4,510.85	P2016	2016 February Monthly